



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin Paul Deveney et al. : Group No.: 2856
Serial No.: 09/683,743 : Examiner: Miller, Rose Mary
Filed: February 8, 2002 :
For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND :
MEANS FOR ULTRASOUND :
INSPECTION

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STATUS

2. Applicant



claims small entity status.



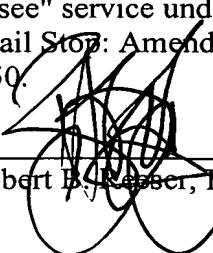
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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Due \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

(Handwritten signature)

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS			=	x \$9 = \$			x \$18 = \$	
	MINUS			=	x \$43 = \$			x \$86 = \$	
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$			+ \$290 = \$	
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$		OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$_____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

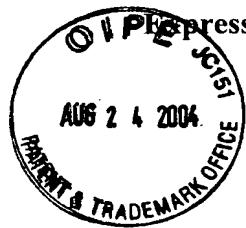
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, and the Request for Continued Examination filed on August 23, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following preliminary amendment prior to the continued examination of this Application.